



# UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450  
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/021,572	12/19/2001	Maurice Gagne	P 284137 RP-00268-US2	9263
909	7590	10/07/2003	EXAMINER	
PILLSBURY WINTHROP, LLP P.O. BOX 10500 MCLEAN, VA 22102			COLETTA, LORI L	
			ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER
			3612	
DATE MAILED: 10/07/2003				

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

# Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/021,572

Applicant(s)

GAGNE, MAURICE

Examiner

Lori L. Coletta

Art Unit

3612

-- Th MAILING DATE of this communication appears on th cover sheet with the correspondenc addr ss  
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 September 2003 .  
2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.

- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3,6-17 and 20-42 is/are pending in the application.  
4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.  
5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3,6-17,20-31 and 35-42 is/are allowed.  
6) ☒ Claim(s) 32-34 is/are rejected.  
7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.  
8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.  
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
11) ☒ The proposed drawing correction filed on 15 November 2002 is: a) ☒ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.  
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.  
12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:  
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).  
\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.  
14) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).  
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.  
15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

## Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_  
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)  
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) \_\_\_\_\_ 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 32-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Huston 5,816,757 in view of French reference 2 612 867.

Regarding claim 32, Huston '757 discloses a method for transporting a vehicle, the vehicle comprising a windshield assembly mounted on a frame of the vehicle and including a windshield panel, the method comprising loading a trailer in Figure 1.

However, Huston '757 does not show pivoting the windshield panel from an operative position into an inoperative position, wherein the inoperative position includes a rearward position in which the windshield panel is displaced from the operative position in a direction facing away from a windward side of the windshield panel such that the windshield panel is substantially horizontal; and transporting the vehicle such that the wind pressure on the windshield panel is substantially reduced.

French reference '867 teaches pivoting the windshield panel (1) from an operative position into an inoperative position, wherein the inoperative position includes a rearward position in which the windshield panel is displaced from the operative position in a direction facing away from a windward side of the windshield panel such that the windshield panel is substantially horizontal in Figure 1.

Art Unit: 3612

Regarding claim 32, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make the windshield panel of the vehicle of Huston '757 pivoting from an operative position into an inoperative position, wherein the inoperative position includes a rearward position in which the windshield panel is displaced from the operative position in a direction facing away from a windward side of the windshield panel such that the windshield panel is substantially horizontal, as taught by French reference '867, in order to reduce the wind pressure on the windshield panel when transporting the vehicle.

Regarding claim 33, Huston '757, as modified, discloses the method for transporting the vehicle, wherein the vehicle is an all terrain vehicle.

Regarding claim 34, Huston '757, as modified, discloses the method for transporting the vehicle, wherein the vehicle is a snowmobile.

#### *Allowable Subject Matter*

3. Claims 1-3, 6-17, 20-31 and 35-42 are allowed.

#### *Response to Arguments*

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 32-34 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

#### *Conclusion*

5. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO**

Art Unit: 3612

MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lori L. Coletta whose telephone number is (703) 306-4614. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 6:30am-3:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glenn Dayoan can be reached on (703) 308-3102. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1134.

*Lori L. Coletta*

Lori L. Coletta  
October 1, 2003

Lori L. Coletta  
Examiner  
Art Unit 3612

*[Signature]* - 10/6/03

D. GLENN DAYOAN  
SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER  
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 3600